

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

JAMES MCCLAIN,

Plaintiff

Case No. 3:24-cv-00458-ART-CSD

ORDER

v.

HENLEY, et al.,

Defendants

I. DISCUSSION

Plaintiff has applied to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”) in this action. (ECF No. 4). On June 5, 2025, the Court issued a screening order permitting some claims to proceed and dismissing one claim with leave to amend. (ECF No. 7 at 8-9). In the screening order, the Court deferred ruling on Plaintiff’s IFP application. (*Id.* at 8). The Court granted Plaintiff 30 days from the date of that order to file an amended complaint curing the deficiencies of the complaint. (*Id.* at 9). The Court specifically stated that if Plaintiff chose not to file an amended complaint, the action would proceed immediately and only on the Eighth Amendment failure-to-protect claim against Walker (claim 1) and the First Amendment retaliation claim against Defendants Henley and Wood (claims 3 and 4). (*Id.*) Plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint. Pursuant to the screening order, this action will proceed immediately and only on the Eighth Amendment failure-to-protect claim against Walker (claim 1) and the First Amendment retaliation claim against Defendants Henley and Wood (claims 3 and 4).

II. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is ordered that, pursuant to the Court’s screening order (ECF No. 7), this action will proceed immediately and only on the Eighth Amendment failure-to-protect claim against Walker (claim 1) and the First Amendment retaliation claim against Defendants Henley and Wood (claims 3 and 4).

It is further ordered that given the nature of the claim(s) that the Court has

1 permitted to proceed, this action is stayed for 90 days to allow Plaintiff and Defendant(s)
2 an opportunity to settle their dispute before the Court will determine whether to grant
3 Plaintiff's IFP application, the \$350 filing fee is paid, an answer is filed, or the discovery
4 process begins. During this 90-day stay period and until the Court lifts the stay, no other
5 pleadings or papers may be filed in this case, and the parties will not engage in any
6 discovery, nor are the parties required to respond to any paper filed in violation of the stay
7 unless specifically ordered by the Court to do so. The Court will refer this case to the
8 Court's Inmate Early Mediation Program, and the Court will enter a subsequent order.
9 Regardless, on or before 90 days from the date this order is entered, the Office of the
10 Attorney General will file the report form attached to this order regarding the results of the
11 90-day stay, even if a stipulation for dismissal is entered prior to the end of the 90-day
12 stay. If the parties proceed with this action, the Court will then issue an order setting a
13 date for Defendants to file an answer or other response. Following the filing of an answer,
14 the Court will issue a scheduling order setting discovery and dispositive motion deadlines.

15 It is further ordered that "settlement" may or may not include payment of money
16 damages. It also may or may not include an agreement to resolve Plaintiff's issues
17 differently. A compromise agreement is one in which neither party is completely satisfied
18 with the result, but both have given something up and both have obtained something in
19 return.

20 It is further ordered that if the case does not settle, then the Court will determine
21 whether to grant Plaintiff's IFP application. Plaintiff will be required to pay the full \$350.00
22 statutory filing fee for a civil action regardless of whether the Court grants his IFP
23 application. This fee cannot be waived, and the fee cannot be refunded once the Court
24 enters an order granting Plaintiff's IFP application. If Plaintiff is allowed to proceed IFP,
25 the fee will be paid in installments from his prison trust account. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).
26 If Plaintiff is not allowed to proceed IFP, the full \$350 statutory filing fee for a civil action
27 plus the \$55 administrative filing fee, for a total of \$405, will be due immediately.

28 It is further ordered that if any party seeks to have this case excluded from the

1 inmate mediation program, that party will file a “motion to exclude case from mediation”
2 no later than 21 days prior to the date set for mediation. The responding party will have
3 7 days to file a response. No reply will be filed. Thereafter, the Court will issue an order,
4 set the matter for hearing, or both.

5 It is further ordered that if Plaintiff needs an interpreter to participate in the
6 mediation program, Plaintiff will file a notice identifying the interpretation language and
7 the need for the interpreter within 30 days from the date of this order.

8 It is further ordered that the Clerk of Court is further directed to add the Nevada
9 Department of Corrections to the docket as an Interested Party and electronically provide
10 a copy of this order and copies of all items previously filed in this case by regenerating
11 the Notices of Electronic Filing on the Office of the Attorney General of the State of
12 Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the interested party on
13 the docket. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

14 It is further ordered that the Attorney General’s Office will advise the Court within
15 21 days of the date of the entry of this order whether it will enter a limited notice of
16 appearance on behalf of Defendants for the purpose of settlement. No defenses or
17 objections, including lack of service, will be waived as a result of the filing of the limited
18 notice of appearance.

19 DATED: July 18, 2025.

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REPORT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
RE: RESULTS OF 90-DAY STAY

**NOTE: ONLY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL FILE THIS FORM.
THE INMATE PLAINTIFF SHALL NOT FILE THIS FORM.**

On _____ [*the date of the issuance of the screening order*], the Court issued its screening order stating that it had conducted its screening pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, and that certain specified claims in this case would proceed. The Court ordered the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to file a report ninety (90) days after the date of the entry of the Court's screening order to indicate the status of the case at the end of the 90-day stay. By filing this form, the Office of the Attorney General hereby complies.

REPORT FORM

[Identify which of the following two situations (identified in bold type) describes the case, and follow the instructions corresponding to the proper statement.]

Situation One: Mediated Case: The case was assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay. [If this statement is accurate, check **ONE** of the six statements below and fill in any additional information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

_____ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on _____ [*enter date*], and as of this date, the parties have reached a settlement (*even if paperwork to memorialize the settlement remains to be completed*). (*If this box is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the stay in the case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation of dismissal.*)

_____ A mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held on _____ [*enter date*], and as of this date, the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

1 _____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the
2 90-day stay, but the parties have nevertheless settled the case. *(If this box*
3 *is checked, the parties are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file a*
4 *contemporaneous stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the*
5 *Court continue the stay in this case until a specified date upon which they*
6 *will file a stipulation of dismissal.)*

7 _____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the
8 90-day stay, but one is currently scheduled for _____ [enter
9 date].

10 _____ No mediation session with a court-appointed mediator was held during the
11 90-day stay, and as of this date, no date certain has been scheduled for
12 such a session.

13 _____ None of the above five statements describes the status of this case.
14 Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney
15 General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the
16 status of this case.

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18 **Situation Two: Informal Settlement Discussions Case:** The case was NOT assigned
19 to mediation with a court-appointed mediator during the 90-day stay; rather, the
20 parties were encouraged to engage in informal settlement negotiations. [If this
21 statement is accurate, check **ONE** of the four statements below and fill in any additional
22 information as required, then proceed to the signature block.]

23 _____ The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the
24 parties have reached a settlement *(even if the paperwork to memorialize*
25 *the settlement remains to be completed)*. *(If this box is checked, the parties*
26 *are on notice that they must SEPARATELY file either a contemporaneous*
27 *stipulation of dismissal or a motion requesting that the Court continue the*
28 *stay in this case until a specified date upon which they will file a stipulation*
of dismissal.)

_____ The parties engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date, the
parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney General
therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

_____ The parties have not engaged in settlement discussions and as of this date,
the parties have not reached a settlement. The Office of the Attorney
General therefore informs the Court of its intent to proceed with this action.

_____ None of the above three statements fully describes the status of this case.
Contemporaneously with the filing of this report, the Office of the Attorney
General of the State of Nevada is filing a separate document detailing the
status of this case.

Submitted this _____ day of _____, _____ by:

Attorney Name: _____
Print Signature

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____